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Re:

U.S. Patent Application

"Programmable Image Transform Processor"

U.S. Serial No. 09/679,854

Client Matter No. 9785980-0079 - Your Ref. 00CXT06531

Subject:

Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

Dear Ms. Duncan and Mr. Livingston:

Please be advised that the subject patent application was filed on October 5, 2000 and assigned serial number 09/679,854. This application is based on provisional patent application serial number 60/159,000. Enclosed are the Declaration and Assignment which are necessary for completing the filing requirements.

This letter also is a reminder that the U.S. Patent Office rules impose upon the patent applicant a duty of candor and disclosure which obligates the patent applicant and those substantively involved in the prosecution of a U.S. Patent Application to disclose to the Patent Office any information (e.g. U.S. or foreign patents, published articles, text books, products on sale before the filing of the patent application) which may be material to the Patent Office's examination of the above-identified patent application. To the extent we have been instructed to conduct a patentability study for you, those references are already being sent to the Patent Office.

If any prior art which bears on the above-identified patent application in any way has been or is uncovered, please advise us as soon as possible so that we may disclose such information to the Patent Office. It is the applicant's continuing duty to disclose such information to the Patent Office. Failure of the patent applicant to disclose all such information could subsequently invalidate the patent or lead to its unenforceability.



If we do not receive a reply to this request by January 15, 2001, then we shall presume that you presently have no such information for filing with the Patent Office.

Thank you and please call should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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